Highway No. 2 is the main source of entry to the eastern States. It is a fact that the condition of this highway has deteriorated recently in certain stretches.

(c) This is due to a combination of reasons. The maintenance and repairs could not be attended to due to prolonged strike by the State Engineers. There is also slow progress in the execution of sanctioned works.

(d) Repairs are being taken up urgently as the engineers' strike has ended. During the last three years, 1988-89 to 1990-91, improvement works in 115 kms costing Rs. 1591 lakhs were sanctioned for this National Highway. With the completion of these works, the condition of the road is expected to improve.

Bilateral arrangements for operation of air service

320. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the countries with which India have bilateral arrangements for the operation of air services;

(b) whether it is a fact that in some cases Air India is not able to run as many services as the airlines of other countries for want of aircraft; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) India has bilateral arrangements with 62 countries (list an statement) for the operation of air serivces. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The operations of Air India are planned on commercial considerations.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Country	Sl. No.	Name of Country
1	Afghanistan	2	Australia
3	Austria	4	Baharain
5	Bangladesh	6	Belgium
7	Bhutan	8	Bulgaria
9	Burma	10	Canada
11	China	12	Czechoslova
13	Egypt	14	Ethiopia
15	F.R.G.	16	France
17	Fiji	18	Ghana
19	Hungary	20	Indonesia
21	Iran	22	Iraq
23	Ireland	24	Italy
25	Japan	26	Jordan

Sl. No.	Name of Country	Sl. No.	Name of Country
27	Kenya	28	Korea (South)
29	Kuwait	30	Lebanon
31	Lesotho	32	Malaysia
33	Maldives	34	Mauritius
35	Nepal	36	Netherlands
37	Nigeria	38	Oman
39	Pakistan	40	Philippines
41	Poland	42	Qatar
43	Romania	44	Saudi Arabia
45	Sweden	46	Seychelles
47	Singapore	48	Spain
49	Sri Lanka	50	Switzerland
51	Syria	52	Tanzania
53	Thailand	54	Turkey
55	U.A.E.	56	United Kingdom
57	U.S.A.	58	U.S.S.R.
59	Yemen Arab Republic	60	Yemen Peoples Democratic Republic
61	Yugoslavia	62	Zambua,

International Airport in Bangalore

321. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI J. P. JAVALI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee of his Ministry has conducted spot inspection for setting up of an international airport near Bangalore;

(b) if so, what is the latest position in this regard;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to upgrade Bangalore airport into an international airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to set up an International Airport near Bangalore. However, a Committee has been set up to identify an alternative airport near Bangalore. The Committee is expected to submit its report by December, 1991.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.